

**Andrew Jackson to Thomas Pinckney, March 22, 1814,
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TO THOMAS PINCKNEY.1

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Fort Williams, "59 miles below Ft Strother, " March 22, 1814.

Sir: I reached this place in safety on the forenoon of yesterday; and the boats, a few hours afterwards, fastened on the shoals a mile and a half above here. I shall be compelled to take out the lading, and bring it hither in perogues. You will learn by the report of Col. Williams which I enclose you, his opinion of the navigation of the river; and below this point, it is represented by the Indians, as being still more difficult. If rain should not fall in a short time, to raise the waters I must resort again to land-transportation; and in the meantime I shall make the best arrangements in my power for such an event.

Owing to the delay occassioned by the hanging of the boats I shall not be able to commence my march to Emuckfaw, sooner than the day after tomorrow. I shall leave a sufficient number of men, for the defence of this place and to scour the circumjacent country.

Notwithstanding the assurances of the contractors, I look forward to the possibility of being again disappointed in supplies, with considerable apprehension; and my fears are encreased by the report of Col. Williams. No means in my power, however, shall be left unexerted to keep my army regularly furnished; and to bring the campaign to a speedy termination.

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